

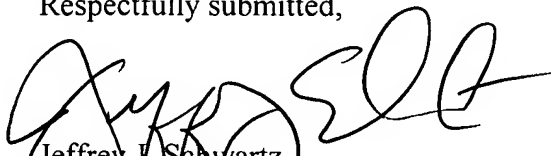
REMARKS

Claims 1-17 in the case are pending. Claims 1, 4-7, 10, and 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Knobloch in view of Ybarra. Claims 8, 9, and 17 are allowed. Claims 2, 3 and 11, 12 are objected to as being dependant upon rejected base claims 1 and 10, respectively, but would be allowable if amended to incorporate the elements and limitations of the base claims.

In view of this indication of allowability, base claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include the subject matter of dependant claims 2 and 11, respectively. Claims 2 and 11 are cancelled herein. Claim 12 has also been changed to depend from amended claim 10.

For all of the reasons discussed above, Applicant submits that all of the claims in the case are now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore requested at an early date. If the examiner believes that issues remain for discussion, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number or e-mail address listed below.

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